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TOPIC Soviet Troops in Bad Fischau, Woellersdorf and Bruck

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REMARKS

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Bad Fischau.

1. On 10 January 1951, the barracks installation in Bad Fischau (O 48/X 34) was heavily occupied by troops who wore black-bordered red epaulets. The unit stationed there seemed to be substantially larger than a battalion. Personnel observed during an observation period of 2 1/2 hours included four majors, eight captains and ten lieutenants and junior lieutenants, all with black-bordered red epaulets; one captain wearing black-bordered black epaulets; one captain wearing black-bordered red epaulets with tank insignia; and 200 enlisted men with black-bordered red epaulets. *

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2. A train observed at the Bad Fischau railroad station at 1:30 p.m. on 10 January consisted of ten flatcars, one boxcar and five gondola cars. Its engine was under steam and headed toward Wiener Neustadt (O 48/X 34). The flatcars of the train were loaded with trucks [redacted]

[redacted] was occupied by a lieutenant and 15 M, all wearing red-bordered black epaulets, while the gondola cars were loaded with old iron rails. It could not be determined whether the latter cars belonged to the military shipment. *

Woellersdorf.

3. The old Kesser Kaserne just northeast of the Woellersdorf (O 48/X 25) railroad station seemed to be used as a storage depot; all windows were bordered up. The billeting capacity of the installation was estimated at one regiment. Only about eight soldiers were seen at the installation on 10 January, while one air force lieutenant and two air force soldiers left the premises. [redacted] was parked in front of the barracks gate. **

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Bruck on the Leitha River.

4. On 3 January, the gun barrels of armored vehicles and the silhouettes of motor vehicles were seen in the garage installation southeast of the railroad station of Bruck (P 49/X 77). Repair work was being done in the garages. An SU-100 SP gun drove toward the installation, coming from the direction of Kaisersteinbrunn, (O 49/X 67).

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5. Eight officers and 14 EM, all of whom wore red-bordered black epaulets, were seen entering or leaving the camp in the woods near Bruck.

6. No traffic was observed at the old kommandatura in Bruck. [redacted] Four officers captains and lieutenants, and five EM were observed at the new kommandatura. They wore red-bordered black and black-bordered red epaulets.

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7. [redacted] was parked at the signal equipment depot in the former sugar refinery of Bruck. No activities were seen.

8. [redacted]

9. Gunfire, believed to be from tank-mounted guns, was heard occasionally from the direction of Kaisersteinbruch. ***

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* [redacted] Comment. [redacted] stated that the barracks installation quartered troops of about battalion strength on 21 December 1950. [redacted]. The present report indicates that more than one battalion was stationed there. Further information is required to determine the actual strength and assignment of the unit concerned [redacted]

** [redacted] Comment. This is the first report on the old Wasser Kaserne. No information on any Soviet units in Woellersdorf has been received to date. It seems that only a small detail was stationed in the installation. Truck [redacted] belonged to either a component of the 95th Gds Mtz Rifle Div or to a GIL unit of the Central Group of Forces.

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*** [redacted] Comment. The information does not indicate any essential change since the last report of 4 December 1950 [redacted]. The units in Kaisersteinbruch are believed to be tank components of the 13th Gds Mecz Div. [redacted]

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